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City of Kankakee Welcomes New Firefighter Sean Wirtz

Kankakee, IL – Firefighter Sean Wirtz has been sworn in as a new firefighter for the Kankakee Fire Department.

Sean Wirtz grew up on the southside of Chicago. Serving the community has always been a goal for Wirtz as he started as a cadet with the Posen Fire Department when he was just 15 years old. Wirtz graduated from Marist High School and took night classes as a senior to receive his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license. After high school, Wirtz further trained through the fire academy and paramedic school. Before being hired by the City of Kankakee, he worked as a firefighter and paramedic for the village of Crestwood and the village of Posen in Illinois.

“We are happy to have Firefighter Wirtz as a new addition in our department, especially during this critical time,” said Captain and Training Officer, Bryan LaRoche.

The apple doesn’t fall too far from the tree when it comes to public service in the Wirtz family. His father has been serving as a captain with the Chicago Fire Department for more than 22 years while his mother works in the emergency room for Little Company of Mary Hospital.

“I am the second oldest of four. With majority of my family being in the public service business, I’ve always wanted to be a firefighter ever since I could remember. I am blessed and very thankful to be hired for the Kankakee Fire Department. I really enjoy the diversity in the people of this city and geographically. I look forward to serving this beautiful city,” said Firefighter Sean Wirtz.

“Our first responders are everyday heroes. I am happy to welcome firefighter Sean Wirtz to the City of Kankakee as he continues his career. To take on such an important frontline role during this pandemic takes incredible courage and sacrifice,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

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